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Appraisal of Vinita Real Estate Returned Approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

COMMISSION UPHELD

The Secretary of the Interior Has Returned, With His Approval, the Schedule and Appraisal of Vinita Town Lots.

The Townsite commission has been occupied since Monday noon preparing notices in duplicate upon those in whose favor the lots in Vinita have been appraised. The announcement of the amount of the appraisal was made at the office of the commission at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Information will be given to each owner as he presents himself and he will be required to sign a receipt showing that he has been duly advised of the appraisal, and the amount thereof.

Citizens should apply for their appraisements at the earliest possible moment. The commission has made arrangements to serve the notices as rapidly as possible, and there will be no delay.

Persons to whom a lot has been appraised may purchase the same any time.

Printed forms will be supplied upon application to the commission. These forms recite that the lot described has been appraised to the applicant at the price therein named, and he may then and there tender a sum of money equal to ten per cent. of the appraised value, as first payment thereon, or the amount in full, as he may choose, all remittances to be made to J. Blair Schoenfeld, Indian agent at Muskogee.

Those who intend to contest the right to any lot are required to file notice of that fact within ten days after the appraisal notices have been served.

Parties who are claiming property as "improved," within the meaning of the treaty, and so stated in their schedule, will be advised by the commission as to whether the same have been so appraised to them. Improvement makes a difference of one-fourth in the purchase price of lots heretofore acquired from the Cherokee Nation, and as to other lots it determines whether the applicant secures the lot at all, or whether it shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

It is understood that there are many lots scheduled as improved which the commission has listed as "unimproved." It is not known exactly what disposition will be made in these cases, but the circumstances are such that, doubtless, those interested in such property will be given a hearing, and if successful, a new schedule will be made in conformity with such decision.

The Easy Pill.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers do not gripe nor weaken the system. They cure biliousness, jaundice, constipation and inactive livers, by arousing the secretions, moving the bowels gently, yet effectually, and giving such tone and strength to the glands of the stomach, liver and bowels that the cause of the trouble is removed entirely. These famous little pills exert a decided tonic effect upon the organs involved, and if their use is continued for a few days there will be no return of the trouble. A. W. Foreman, dr.

The most reliable preparation for kidney troubles on the market is Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Shanahan & Mitchell.

What the Papers Say.

There are a number of orphan Cherokee children—minors, incapable of taking and managing their allotments, and the Arrow would suggest a plan for their protection and at the same time aid in developing the country. There are plenty of good, honest, energetic farmers in the state who would gladly lease these lands on liberal terms, improve them, care for the orphan during the life of the lease and in every way protect the minor's interest, and as such contracts would have to be made subject to the approval of the Dawes commission and the secretary of the interior there would be no possibility of fraud and no danger but that the lessee would comply with the contract to the letter. This being a fact admitting of no dispute, each citizen knowing of orphan children without legal guardians should organize himself into an immigration bureau and invite those people here, help to locate them, thus becoming a wonderful factor in developing the country while they are also helping those who cannot help themselves.—Arrow.

The Spavinaw Mining Co. has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000. O. P. Brewer is president; M. K. Thompson vice president; Henry Elbert, secretary; W. D. Brewer, treasurer and William T. Hutchings attorney. The company controls some 5,000 acres of land in the Cherokee Nation that has already been allotted and are going after lead and zinc. They are confident that they have some valuable claims.

ANOTHER TRUST COMPY.

Springfield Capitalists Organize a Company With a Quarter of a Million Capital.

A company to be known as the Springfield Trust Company was formed at Springfield, Mo., last week, with a capital of a quarter of a million dollars, paid up.

This company contemplates extensive operations in Southwest Missouri, Arkansas and the Indian Territory, and will take an important part in the development of the natural resources of this region.

The organizers of this company are well-known in the financial circles of the Southwest. They are: Edgar P. Warren, Springfield, president; Thos. B. Gibson, secretary and treasurer; John H. Lucas, Kansas City, president of the Clinton Trust Co. and Lucas Banking Co. of Ocala; M. T. Davis, president Missouri World's Fair commission and vice president National Exchange bank, Springfield; J. T. Woodruff, St. Louis; R. L. Goode, judge St. Louis court of appeals; B. F. Younkum, president Frisco System; C. H. Beggs, vice president Frisco; L. F. Parker, Jr., lawyer, Vinita, I. T.; ex Gov. Seay, of Oklahoma, millionaire; A. T. Brand, president Brand-Dunwoody Milling Co., Joplin; John B. Tarrant, retired capitalist, Springfield; David M. Noe, vice president McGregor-Noe Hardware Co., Springfield; George T. Sparks, president First National bank of Fort Smith, Ark.; O. L. Milligan, of Milligan & Son, wholesale grocers, Springfield, Mo.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes, "My husband lay sick for three months; the doctors stated he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago, and since then we always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds, it has no equal." 25c per bottle at People's drug store. dw

BANK AND TRUST CO.

Organized by Men of Well Known Financial Ability.

LOCATED IN VINITA.

An Institution Which Means Much to This Section of the Indian Territory—Good Words For Our Very Good Town.

Articles of incorporation were filed Monday with Clerk Freeman, of the Court of Appeals at South McAlester, by the International Bank and Trust company, of Vinita, I. T., with a capital of \$100,000. The incorporators are H. G. Hammond, Alfred Orendorf, J. A. Orr, T. B. Needles, C. A. Davidson, J. E. Danner, E. L. Sterrett, A. B. Craig.

The Champaign (Ill.) News has the following to say of this institution and, incidentally, throws bouquets at this section:

"Hon. Isaac B. Craig of Mattoon and Hon. Edw. L. Merritt of Springfield, Ill., are both stockholders, and are well and favorably known to many citizens here. Seldom has such a distinguished lot of financial interests blended together as are found in this group. The combined wealth of these gentlemen would exceed three million dollars, Mr. Perry, of Chicago, being worth over one million dollars, while the other gentlemen will range from fifty thousand to one-half million dollars each."

Col. J. W. Orr, who organized the bank of Bingham, Orr and Co. at Tuscola, Ill., and was cashier for five years then moved to Champaign and founded the Citizens' bank at that place, and was connected with it for seven years and most of the time president. He recently moved to Chicago to look after large interests which he had acquired there. He will be actively in charge of the bank and will move to Vinita early in the spring. Col. Orr has many friends in Champaign who are glad to see him placed in such a responsible position, knowing his record as a careful and conservative banker who was always popular with his customers as well as those with whom he came in contact, socially or otherwise.

The bank starts out under very favorable circumstances, and all who know the high character and business standing of the men who make up the new company bespeak success for the new institution. The bank has trust privileges granted to it, and will deal largely in farm mortgages and high grade bonds of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. With its connections in Chicago, New York and Cleveland, it will have splendid opportunities for placing good securities on the market when it acquires more than it desires to carry.

The News is informed that the little city of Vinita has about 4,000 people, and is surrounded by a rich, fertile prairie, very much like the land in Champaign county. It is said there is more good land tributary to Vinita than any other point in the southwest. Messrs. Orr, Hamlin and Orendorf spent about two weeks quite recently looking over Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, and decided Vinita was the most favorable place to build up a good substantial banking business, hence this organization."

Military Lane Warrants.

45 paid persons telling who has one, whether I buy or not.

R. K. KELLEY, Kansas City, Mo.

Frisco Sends Lecturers.

The Frisco has secured the services of four experts to deliver lectures at the principal points on the Frisco route for the benefit of farmers and fruit growers. These gentlemen are: J. C. Whitten, professor of horticulture at the university of Missouri; Prof. C. D. Smith, dean and director of the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin, and Hon. D. C. Williams, of the University of Chicago. They will reach St. Louis Sunday and will visit Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas.

A Worthy Enterprise.

The Centralia road has been about impassable for many weeks, and Frank Cox went out and by voluntary contribution raised money, material and work enough to improve the road greatly. Following is the list of contributors:

First National Bank	\$2.00
John Cornsall	.50
R. L. Haynes	.50
E. N. Dallaway	.25
L. W. Bravley	2.00
O. N. Bidley	.25
Katy Core Elevator	.50
V. A. Scott	2.00
Jim Shives	.25
W. H. Whitaker	.50
C. F. Garden	.50
S. N. Calvert	1.00
J. B. Wade	.50
G. W. Skinner	.50
H. B. Bliss	.50
George Kapp	.50
W. C. Thompson	.50
Henry Campbell	.25
People's Drug Store	.50
Darragh Hardware Co.	.50
Road & Hanford	.50
Cherokee Bank	1.00
Frazee Hardware Co.	1.00
Badgett-Sanders	1.00
J. H. Hayes	1.00
Brinson & Patterson	1.00
Friess Milling Co.	1.00
Rainey & Gerlach	1.00
E. C. Stretch	.50
Perry Lumber Co.	1.00
Spaulding Bros.	.50
John Hold	.50
Oswego Seed & Grain Co.	1.00
Louis Bagby	.50
The Golden Rule	1.00
J. Newcomb	.50
B. L. Cox	1.00
Blossom Boats	.50
Ben Hildabrand	.50
R. A. Cox	1.00
Z. M. Cox	1.00
Jumbo Store	1.00
W. F. Gatewood	.50
W. Friend	.50
Frank Norange	.50
D. Hicks	.50
Billie Simms	1.00
Jim Cato	.25
Cash	.50
Cash	.50
Charlie Haymon	1.00
Cowan & Smart	1.00
W. W. Jones	1.00
E. N. Ratcliff	1.00
J. A. Simmons	.25
Tim Shanahan	.50

Total Collection	\$40.50
Paid out for hauling rock	
Ross Gleason	\$10.00
Avile Williams	2.00
Piowlog and scraping	5.50
Total	\$17.50
Balance on hand	\$23.00

The following donated rock, Sherman Hold, 1 load; John Hunt, 1 load; H. D. Vaughn, 2 loads; Dave McCullough, 3 loads.

If Cox, 3 days work collecting.

A Weak Stomach.

causes a weak body and invites disease. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures and strengthens the stomach, and wards off and overcomes disease. J. B. Taylor, a prominent merchant of Christman, Tex., says: "I could not eat because of a weak stomach. I lost all strength and ran down in weight. All that money could do was done but all hope of recovery vanished. Hearing of some wonderful cures effected by use of Kodol I concluded to try it. The first bottle benefited me, and after taking four bottles I am fully restored to my usual strength, weight and health." A. W. Foreman, dr.

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Warning Order.

In the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, sitting at Vinita.

Lula Hoover, Plaintiff, vs. Ed. Hoover, Defendant.

The defendant, Ed. Hoover, to appear in this Court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Lula Hoover, CHAS. A. DAVIDSON, Clerk.

John B. Turner, Attorney for Plaintiff, & P. P. Parry, ATT. for non-resident Defs. This Feb. 19, 1903.

THE SCHEDULE.

Work of the Townsite Commission Reviewed From the Official List.

PARKS and CEMETERY

Appraised at Nominal Figures—Schedule of Some Business Blocks Given.—Means a Large Sum to Cherokee Nation.

The work of the townsite commission is completed so far as Vinita is concerned and is very satisfactory to the citizens and property owners of the town. There are upwards of seventeen hundred lots, two ten acre parks and a cemetery. The entire appraisal is approximately \$125,000, and runs from ten cents to \$18 per front foot.

The highest priced lot in the city is the Ratcliff corner fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet occupied by the Ratcliff Mercantile Company, The Taylor & Lawrence Grocery on the first floor and The Chieftain on the second floor. The lot upon which the new Halsell building stands is valued at \$400, or \$18 a front foot.

There are forty-seven lots contested, distributed among eighteen persons. The two parks contain ten acres each and the land embraced in them is appraised at ten dollars an acre. The cemetery is also appraised at \$10 an acre and contains thirty-seven acres amounting to \$337. The churches get fifty feet front and pay one-fourth value of balance. The lot occupied by the First National Bank, twenty-five feet, is appraised at \$400. Twenty-five feet on the corner occupied by E. N. Ratcliff building is appraised at \$400.

The property between the Halsell corner and the Western Hotel was appraised from \$18 to \$15 per foot; and from Halsell corner to Court house \$18 to \$10 at the Court house. The same on the opposite side of the street.

From Ratcliff corner to Cobb Hotel the same as from Halsell corner to Western Hotel. Cobb Hotel south from \$15 to \$5.

On Scrapper street from Western Hotel south \$5 per foot, to park. Around south park and north park the appraisal was from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per foot.

All north of Frisco and east of Gunter street and west of Katy from \$1 to \$1.25 a foot.

On Foreman street, which the commission considered as a whole the best residence street in the city, the price was from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

South part of town not on the park or on Wilson street is from 60 cents to ninety cents per foot. South Wilson street from \$2 to \$3. South-west part of town where Franklin, Fortner, Hill and others live 65 cents per foot.

Out Illinois avenue around and including public school \$1.25 to \$1.50 per foot. The public school block was appraised at \$2,000.

On the east side of the M. K. & T., Illinois avenue property was appraised at from \$8 to \$4 per foot. The highest residence property on that side was appraised at \$1, and from that down to 15 cents.

That in the north east portion averaged from 40 cents to fifteen cents per foot. Around the outskirts of town on all sides the average price is 25 cents per foot.

Mothers can safely give Foley's Honey and Tar to their children for coughs and colds, for it contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Shanahan & Mitchell.

THEN THERE WERE FISH.

Great Catch of Muskallunge Described by an Old Wisconsin Lumberman.

James Bell is a lumberman who has been in the woods of Minnesota and Wisconsin for many years. It has been his business for several decades to "run camp" in the winter, which is to say, that he takes from 60 to 75 lumber jacks into the forests from December to April and holds them down by weight of authority and muscle and makes them do their work of felling and driving out timber. He has seen the vast masses of pine melt before the ax and just now is cutting hemlock because no pine grows, says the New York Sun.

"The lessening of the number of wild animals and the difference between the sport a man could have then and can have now," Bell says, "are as great as the change in the forests. There were a hundred deer then where there are ten deer now, there were a thousand partridges where there are ten now, and as for the fishes they may be said, comparatively speaking, to have almost disappeared from the waters."

"Men come into our north woods of recent summers and fish industriously with improved modern appliances for two weeks, and if they catch two muskallunge a day, averaging ten pounds each, they go back home thinking that they have had great luck. They have some of the ten-pounders stuffed and hung up in their dining-rooms and point to them with pride."

"I've seen the time when a man would get irritated if a fish of only ten pounds got hooked and was caught. He would either kill it in spite or throw it back with a curse. Nothing less than 25 pounds went then as a muskallunge catch, and there were lots of big fellows brought to gaff that ran above 40 pounds. I've seen them taken, that went over 50."

"I remember being some years ago on the Flambeau river just below the spot where the town of Park Falls stands now. A dam had been built across the stream to back the water up so that there would be a full head on in the spring when the ice broke and we would want to float the logs out to the Chippewa."

"The dam was built in the fall with massive water-tight gates and to see how it would work when finished we shut the gates down one day. That had the effect of stopping the water from above and naturally the water below ran away with great swiftness. It went so fast, in fact, that the fish did not know what was happening and in a little while they found themselves in the holes among the rocks of the bottom with mighty little fluid to keep them alive."

"You never saw the like of the bass and muskallunge, particularly the muskies. Their backs were everywhere showing above the water and they flopped on the rocks and jumped two feet high sometimes trying to escape from the new enemy that had them in his grip. Maybe a thousand were in sight."

"We wanted fish, so the bunch of us called in. Some of us had peavies and some cantbooks and some clubs and some nothing but their hands and we hoisted the great fish out of their holes by the hundredweight. The pursuit lasted some ten minutes; then the gates were raised and the lower level flooded and such fish as were left got away all right."

"I don't know how many we caught, but not less than 300 anyhow, and while we did not stop to separate the big ones from the little ones they would average easily ten pounds or so. Five thousand pounds of muskallunge meat is a sizable pile and I suppose that I and the men who were with me are the only human beings who ever saw that much of it together. We did not take any of the bass, they were too small game."

Once men say: It's my opinion that we could all find truth if we looked in the right direction, but de factum we don't really keer fur an interview wid de old lady. We all carry de feelin' around wid us dat we am about good 'nuff, an' we don't want to meet wid a sudden fur ober it.—Detroit Free Press.

Best and Worst. When a man's temper gets the best of him it shows him at his worst.—Chicago Daily News.

Man's Inhumanity to Man. First Detective—How did you manage to get a confession from that desperado?

Second Detective—Well, you see we traveled together by rail for 200 miles. "But what had that to do with his confession?"

"I bought a cigar of the train boy and gave it to him. After smoking it he thought he was going to die, so he told me everything."—Oakland Tribune.

Generous. "If I could only get a bite to eat," he whined. "Why don't you work?" she asked. "Nothin' durn' in my line," he answered. "I'm a dime museum glass eater, an' they're gettin' too com-